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Office Action Summary

Application No.
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Examiner
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☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Feb 18, 2000

☐ This action is **FINAL**.

☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 35 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 3 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claim

☒ Claim(s) 1-39 is/are pending in the applicat

Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration

☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 9-25 is/are allowed.

☒ Claim(s) 7, 8, and 26-39 is/are rejected.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.

☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☒ All ☐ Some* ☒ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☒ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 2

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This is a first office action in response to application filed, with the above serial number, on February 18, 2000 in which claims 1-39 are presented for examination. Claims 1-39 are therefore pending in the application.

Specification

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

In the instance specification it appears that the Brief Summary of the Invention is a duplicate copy of the claims. Applicant is therefore reminded of the proper content of a Brief Summary of the Invention as appeared below:

Brief Summary of the Invention: A brief summary or general statement of the invention as set forth in 37 CAR 1.73. The summary is separate and distinct from the abstract and is directed toward the invention rather than the disclosure as a whole. The summary may point out the advantages of the invention or how it solves problems previously existent in the prior art (and preferably indicated in the Background of the Invention). In chemical cases it should point out in general terms the utility of the invention. If possible, the nature and gist of the invention or the inventive concept should be set forth. Objects of the invention should be treated briefly and only to the extent that they contribute to an understanding of the invention.

Appropriate correction is required.

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Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 7 and 26-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 7, the reference to “the requested peripheral device” and “said requested peripheral device” lack antecedent basis.

In claim 26:

lines 9 and 20, the reference to “which signals” lacks proper or clear antecedent basis;

lines 15-16, “said peripheral devices” lacks proper antecedent basis.

In claim 31:

lines 13 and 25, the reference to “which signals” lacks proper or clear antecedent basis;

lines 20-21, “said peripheral devices” lacks proper antecedent basis.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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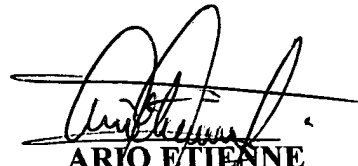
Richard, Jr. and Garney et al are cited for disclosing pertinent information related to the claimed invention. Applicants are requested to consider the prior art reference for relevant teachings when responding to this office action

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ario Etienne whose telephone number is (703) 308-7562. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays-Thursdays from 7:30AM to 6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh, can be reached on (703) 305-9648 or at e-mail address ayza.sheikh@uspto.gov. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 305-3718.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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